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# NYC'S NEW PAID SICK LEAVE LAW APPLIES TO MOST NEW YORK CITY EMPLOYEES!

NYC's Paid Sick Leave Law is in effect. Starting July 30, employees in NYC can use earned sick leave.

**Employers, including not-for-profits and small businesses:**

**You must:**

- Provide **paid** sick leave if you have 5 or more employees who work in NYC for more than 80 hours in a year or **unpaid** sick leave if you have fewer than 5 employees.

**Employees who work in NYC for more than 80 hours in a year:**

**You:**

- Can earn up to 40 hours of sick leave per year and can **start using earned leave on July 30, 2014**. New employees hired on or after April 1, 2014 can begin using accrued leave 120 days after they first start working.

**Domestic workers:**

- Your employer must provide 2 days of **paid** sick leave after one year of employment. City leave is in addition to the 3 days of paid rest to which you are entitled under New York State Labor Law. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/PaidSickLeave](http://nyc.gov/PaidSickLeave).

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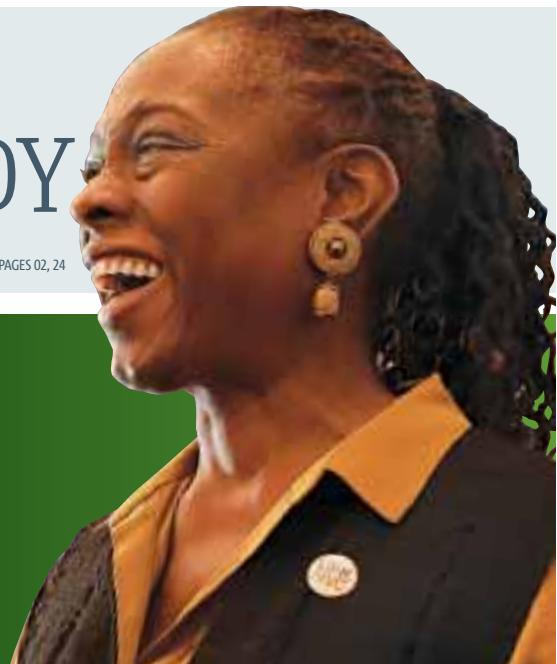
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## Brooklyn residents 'shaken' by deaths

**Fear.** East New York was in shock the day after a man attacked two children on an elevator, stabbing one to death, before fleeing. **Investigation.** The police released a sketch of the suspect Monday and said the incident was related to another stabbing death. PAGE 02



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JJ Armstrong, 3, waits outside of the Boulevard Houses where he lives. Two children were stabbed in one of the buildings. / MILES DIXON, METRO



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"A large portion of my time is spent thinking about what I'd say if I were interviewed for Humans of New York."

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# Neighborhood on edge after elevator stabbing

**Horrific.** The stabbing death of a 6-year-old and attack on a young girl has residents pleading with city.

The playgrounds at the Boulevard Houses in East New York were empty on Monday. The sun was out and the skies were clear, but kids kept close to their parents as they walked home from area schools.

Less than a day after an unidentified man stabbed two children in an elevator — killing one of them — residents in and around 845 Schenck Avenue remained shocked at what happened.

And while residents on the streets hesitated to say that the stabbing attack that killed Prince Joshua Avitto, 6, and that placed 7-year-old Mikayla Capers in critical condition could have been avoided, many said the city could do more to make them feel safer — including cameras inside their buildings and better policing.

Nicole Peterson, 32, said she spent her entire life in the area. She was on her way to pick up her daughter from George Gershwin Junior High School three blocks away from the houses. Peterson said the 13-year-old usually makes the trip on her own, but was apprehen-



JJ Armstrong, 3, plays outside of the Boulevard Houses. Inset, a sketch of the attacker. / MILES DIXON, METRO

### Quoted



**If there are cameras there, they're going to think twice before they commit a crime."**

Robert Thomson, 69, who said the neighborhood hadn't seen anything like the stabbing in the 12 years he's lived in the area.

sive about walking alone after the attack.

"She felt a little shaken up this morning," Peterson said. "All of the kids were feeling some type of way, so some parents were walking them or let them stay home because they didn't feel comfortable."

Police described the suspect as a heavyset black male wearing a gray sweatshirt. Investigators recovered a knife at the scene and are linking the incident with the stabbing death of Tanaya Copeland, 18, which happened last Friday, a few blocks away from the houses.

Many residents said they see police cars near

the houses in the daytime and officers on foot, but that there were no officers around during the attack.

Tanaeia Armstrong, 37, walked the block around with her 3-year-old son JJ, whom she kept from straying too far from her.

JJ often played with Avitto and Capers at the playground between the buildings, Armstrong said.

Armstrong said the elevators should be equipped with cameras to track who comes to the buildings, in which 3,100 people live.

"Even if this project doesn't have a high crime rate, it'd make us feel safer in a situation like this," Armstrong said.



Visit [metro.us](http://metro.us) for a photo gallery of the community in mourning.



### Add security

Only some of the city's 334 public housing developments have security camera systems.

- Most of the Boulevard Houses do not have cameras in them and the ones they have may not work.
- The police are offering a \$12,000 reward for information leading to the suspect's arrest.

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# First family begins move to Gracie



Tours at Gracie Mansion will be put on hold until the de Blasios are settled in September. / GETTY IMAGES

The de Blasios are coming to Manhattan.

The Brooklyn-centric first family has begun a three-month-long move from their Park Slope home to Gracie Mansion on the Upper East Side.

The move was announced Monday by first lady Chirlane McCray on her blog #FLONYC.

"Moving is bittersweet, even when excited about the destination," McCray wrote.

### Home

**"We've lived in our Park Slope home for 14 wonderful years. So many of the moments we cherish took place right here."** McCray

Tours at Gracie Mansion will be put on hold starting next week and

will resume in September after the family is settled.

One of the first objects making the trip is a rocking chair where the mayor read stories to his two children, Chiara and Dante, when they were babies. A sewing machine that McCray's mother taught her on is also being moved.

"Imagine these family heirlooms in Gracie Mansion — the People's House," McCray wrote.

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## Police. V. Stiviano alleges NYC assault

NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton said on Monday that there was no record of an assault against V. Stiviano at a Manhattan club and that he had hoped Donald Sterling's alleged ex would've stayed away from New York.

"I wasn't even aware she was in town," Bratton told reporters, responding to reports that Stiviano was attacked Sunday night. "We would have hoped that she would stay on the West Coast."

Stiviano's lawyer Mac Nehoray told RadarOnline she was beaten by two white men as she left the Gansevoort Hotel in the

Meatpacking District. Nehoray said the men "descended on her" and called Stiviano "disgusting" slurs around 7 p.m. She was taken to a doctor, he said, and is expected to fully recover from the alleged attack.

Her lawyer said she hadn't filed a police report. Bratton said the only information he had was what he read.

Stiviano was in the city for a CNN interview. Recorded conversations recently surfaced of the 31-year-old and Sterling in which the Los Angeles Clippers owner made racist remarks. ANNA SANDERS

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The child / NYPD

## Police find boy abandoned in stroller

Police are hoping to identify a toddler who was found abandoned at 5:30 a.m. on Monday.

He was found in a blue stroller on the corner of East 141st Street and Rider Avenue in Mott Haven.

The boy is described as Hispanic, about 2 years old and weighing 26 pounds, police said. His hair is trimmed into a mohawk. Call 1-800-577-TIPS with information. ANNA SANDERS



Donald Sterling watches a game with V. Stiviano. / GETTY IMAGES



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"Connected Intersections" aims to use technology to get New Yorkers to pay more attention to their surroundings. / GETTY IMAGES

## Safer streets are focus of new tech competition

**Aware.** Contest asks developers to make apps that will help pedestrians be more alert of their surroundings.

Pedestrian safety in New York City is the focus of a new contest by telecom giant AT&T and NYC Media Lab that was announced on Monday.

The "Connected Intersections" initiative is a three-month competition that lets developers create software and hardware to help pedestrians, cyclists and motorists be more alert of their surroundings and promote traffic safety.

"New York City poses unique urban challenges for pedestrians," said Marissa Shorenstein, presi-

dent, AT&T New York.

To launch Connected Initiatives, AT&T and NYC Media Lab released a research paper titled "Exploring How Mobile Technologies Impact Pedestrian Safety."

The report looks at potential solutions like wearable electronics and apps that switch on your phone's camera in the background while texting.

Judges from across the worlds of technology and transportation will decide on the best apps and other tech inventions for drivers as well as pedestrians and cyclists. They will award nearly \$50,000 to the winners. "We hope to see several different ideas," Shorenstein said. "The sky's the limit."

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### Tech and safety

Awards are given out for best ideas in categories for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists.

- Nearly \$50,000 in prizes

will be given out.

- The "Connected Intersections" competition is being hosted at challengepost.com.

### Resiliency

#### Post-Sandy projects get funding

A barrier disguised as part of East River Park will protect some of lower Manhattan from future storm surges and rising sea levels.

The "bridging berm" is one of three city resiliency projects receiving



Lower Manhattan storm barrier / RBD PRESS

\$415 million in federal funds almost two years after Superstorm Sandy, officials said on Monday.

The first phase of the berm project, dubbed the Big U, received \$315 million. The entire project includes 10 miles of berms in downtown Manhattan.

Another \$60 million was dedicated to build a proposal for living reefs

off of Tottenville in Staten Island.

A study on how to protect Hunts Point in the South Bronx got \$20 million.

"For every dollar that we spend today on hazard mitigation, we save at least \$4 next time disaster strikes," Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan said. ANNA SANDERS

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## Data. Apple unwraps 'Healthkit' to propel mobile-health efforts

Apple Inc. took the wraps off a mobile application that can collect and analyze users' health data, part of a suite of new features outlined for its computing and mobile software, at its annual developers' conference on Monday.

Called "Healthkit," it will pull together data such as blood pressure and



Plane crash

### NTSB seeking cause of crash

Federal investigators on Monday continued to scour the site of a deadly plane crash at an airfield just outside of Boston that killed seven passengers and sparked a fireball that one 911 caller likened to

weight, collected by a growing plethora of health care apps on the iPhone or iPad, Apple executives told developers.

The company will work in tandem with Nike Inc., a major player in fitness tracking, and the Mayo Clinic on the new feature, which will be included with the latest versions of Apple's mobile software. **REUTERS**

an atomic bomb.

"It looked like the atomic bomb went off, and it was a mushroom cloud and fire was going everywhere," the caller told a dispatcher. An NTSB investigator said crews were having trouble reaching the flight data recorders in the wreckage. **METRO**

# US unveils sweeping plan to slash power plant pollution



The Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant is seen in the early morning hours in 2011 in Middletown, Pennsylvania. / GETTY IMAGES

## Quoted

**"The flexibility of our Clean Power Plan affords states the choices that lead them to a healthier future. Choices that level the playing field, and keep options on the table, not off."**

McCarthy said in prepared remarks

**Opposition.** The plan has come under attack from the GOP and Dems in coal-heavy states.

The U.S. power sector must cut carbon dioxide emissions 30 percent by 2030 from 2005 levels, according to federal regulations unveiled on Monday that form the centerpiece of the Obama administration's climate change strategy.

The Environmental Protection Agency's proposal is one of the most significant environmental rules proposed by the United States, and could transform the power sector, which relies on coal for nearly 38 percent of electricity.

Gina McCarthy, administrator of the EPA, said on Monday that between 2020 and 2030, the amount of carbon dioxide

the proposal would reduce in the U.S. would be more than double the carbon pollution from the entire power sector in 2012.

States will have flexible means to achieve ambitious but attainable targets, regardless of their current energy mixes. States which rely heavily on coal-fired power plants are thought to have the toughest tasks ahead.

The plan has come under preemptive attack from many Republican lawmakers as well as Democrats from coal-heavy states like West Virginia.

But the plan looked less restrictive than some had feared, with targets arguably easier to reach because carbon emissions had already fallen by about 10 percent by 2013 from the 2005 baseline level, partly due to retirement of coal plants in favor of cleaner-burning natural gas. **REUTERS**

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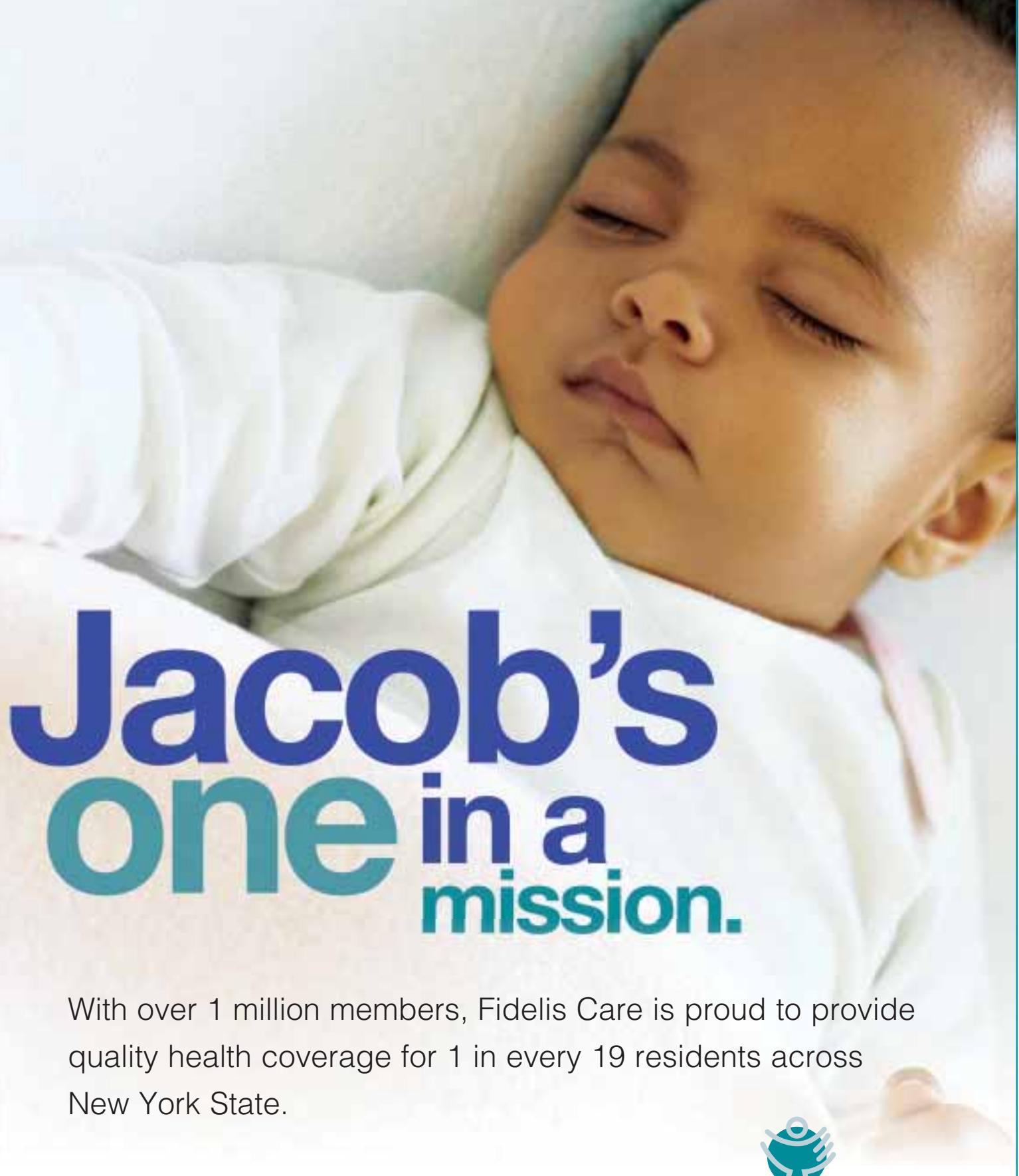
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Selvaggio said, "I realize the potential that I may be associated with a crime that I didn't commit." / METRO WORLD NEWS

We all have those days when we just want to cover our faces and disappear into anonymity. Usually sunglasses and a scarf are the best we can do, but now there's a new prosthetic mask that gives wearers a completely new digital identity to combat surveillance. The rubber mask, created by Leo Selvaggio as part of an anti-surveillance project called URME, is made from a 3-D scan of Selvaggio's face. The artist, currently a postgraduate student at Columbia College Chicago, tells Metro why the public needs to fight for its privacy.

**Are you trying to start an anarchist-style revolution?**

[Laughs] I don't know about a revolution. I think what I'm interested in is promoting the idea of civic duty. I don't condone violence or crime, but I do

hope [URME] inspires us to rally together.

**I take it the movie 'V for Vendetta' has some influence on your mask?**

Absolutely. I wasn't consciously trying to mimic it, but subconsciously I imagine it had an influence. I love that movie; I've seen it seven times. V for Vendetta-style masks are nothing new — people have been using masks to assume different identities since tribal times.

**Do you feel like Chicago and other large cities are under Orwellian-style surveillance?**

It is and it has the potential to extend its reach. One of the things that makes Chicago's surveillance so interesting is not the [number] of cameras but rather that the city has the leading fiber-optic network in the United States. All of the surveilled information is being routed into one network called Virtual Shield.

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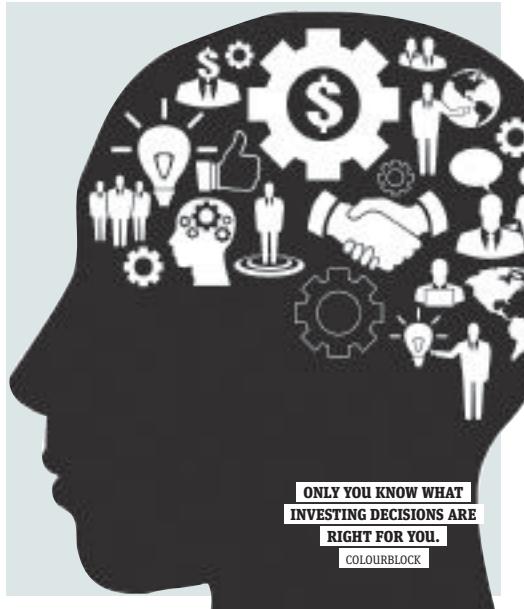
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# UNDERSTAND THE PSYCHOLOGY BEHIND INVESTING



You may have been on the sidelines for some time, following the stock market and watching it go up, down and sideways. Pundits tell you now might be the best time to invest, while others tell you to get out. With so many opposing opinions, it can be difficult to know what to do, whether you're a beginning investor or have been in the game for a while. Here's how to rely on yourself.

An old Wall Street adage states that two factors move the market: fear and greed. This characterization is far too simplistic. The human mind is very sophisticated,

and human emotions are complex. The emotions of fear and greed don't adequately describe the psychology that affects people and investing.

Why do investors do what they do and then react to what they experienced in so many different ways? Successful investing requires something perhaps even rarer: the ability to identify and overcome one's own psychological weaknesses such as overconfidence, selective memory,

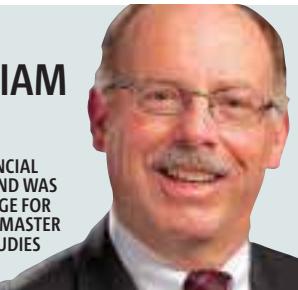
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is to mitigate the risk and attempt to maximize the return.

Knowing what financial personality trait you have can help you minimize your self-talk and propel you into understanding and maximizing your investing strengths. There are those self-motivated investors who, once they understand their own psyches, can move in a positive direction and be content with their decisions, good or bad. Being honest with one's self and taking a life's inventory of current situations and anticipated changes allows for a realistic approach to investing and establishing goals across the board.

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### What do you do on the side for extra money?

I'm a TaskRabbit. Basically, TaskRabbit is a website where you can find [jobs]. There are so many different things on there, but are mostly tasks like making deliveries, [helping at] events and

### The stats

#### James Cleveland

**Age:** 26  
**Home:** Riverdale, New York City  
**Lives:** Alone  
**Number of jobs:** 3

packing items ... I also just joined WunWun, which is a delivery service for places that don't normally deliver, like Target.

### Do you ever see any really weird TaskRabbit jobs?

Yeah. Last year, I was hired to be a hype man at a party. They gave me some beer to drink and I had to get everyone riled up. I got paid \$100 and then got a \$60 tip.

### Was there ever one that you did that wasn't worth the money?

I don't really like doing cleaning tasks because people are very particular about how things should be cleaned. You might think it's clean, but they'll think you missed a spot and it becomes very tricky. I only do cleaning tasks if I really need the money.



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## Chris Brown is a free man... for now!

Hide your daughters! R&B singer Chris Brown was released early from the slammer yesterday. His list of offenses is too long to include here, but it all started back in 2009 when he beat up his then-girlfriend, Rihanna, and then violated his probation. Here come the numbers: He was sentenced to a year, but he only served 108 days in jail. That's because they deducted the 59 days he had served earlier, and also the 116 days he was in rehab. He also got credit for good behavior. Breezy's eternal freedom is not a certainty though: He still has a pending case for a fight outside a hotel in Washington D.C. last year. At least now he'll know what he's getting into if he goes back inside.



## THE WORD

Lasse E. Kristiansen takes on the world of gossip.

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### Talking points

## Elizabeth Hammer: Matchmaker for Tom Cruise

Tom Cruise has a new ally in his search for romance, as Armie Hammer's wife, Elizabeth Hammer, is reportedly on the case. "She's a very busy-body matchmaker type and is seeking out the perfect woman for Tom — and she doesn't have to be famous either. Tom is on the hunt for a new girl and appreciates Elizabeth's efforts," a source tells Radar Online of the friends, who met when Cruise was considering co-starring with Armie in "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." "They really hit it off, and he and his wife became Tom's besties. Elizabeth thinks the world of Tom and can't stand to see him alone. But whether his Scientology cronies approve of Elizabeth's matchmaking attempts remains to be seen."

## Bieber apologizes for racist joke

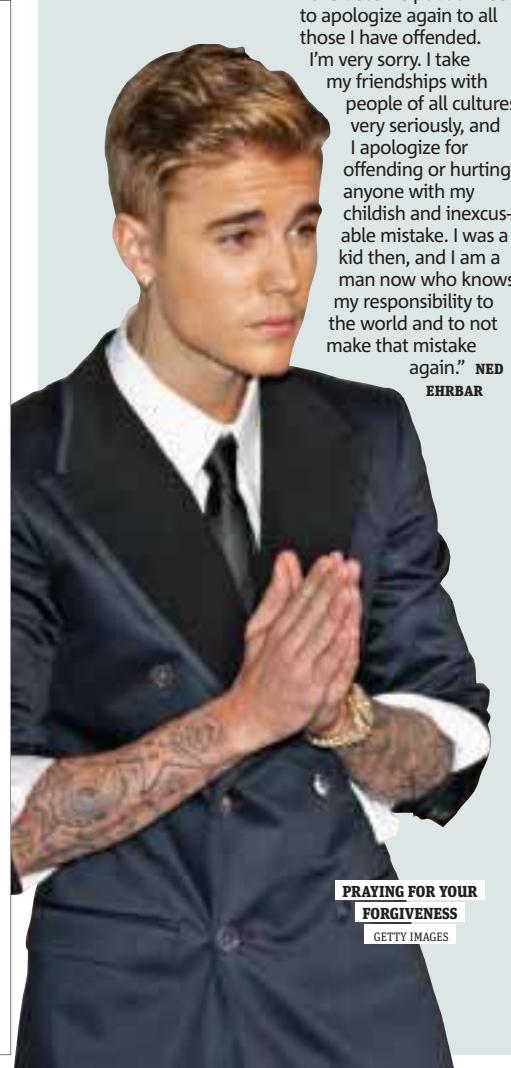
Justin Bieber is really sorry, guys. The 20-year-old singer has come under fire for a video showing him as a teenager telling a crass, racist joke to friends. Though his team reportedly worked feverishly to keep the video under wraps, it leaked over the weekend, prompting a long-winded note of contrition from Bieber. "As a kid, I didn't understand the power of certain words and how they can hurt," he says in a statement. "I thought it was OK to repeat hurtful words and jokes, but I didn't realize at the time that it wasn't funny and that in fact my actions were continuing the ignorance. Thanks to friends and family, I learned from my mistakes and grew up and apologized for those wrongs. Now that these mistakes from the past have become public I need to apologize again to all those I have offended."

I'm very sorry. I take my friendships with people of all cultures very seriously, and I apologize for offending or hurting anyone with my childish and inexcusable mistake. I was a kid then, and I am a man now who knows my responsibility to the world and to not make that mistake again." NED EHRLICH



## Serena Williams' debut as a wedding crasher went swimmingly

One very sexy Serena Williams crashed a wedding on the beach in Miami this weekend. The tennis star was only wearing a leopard-print swimsuit. How many people can pull that off? We'd say she's about the only one. The tennis player posted a picture of her and the happy couple on her Instagram with the caption: "Wedding crasher!! Congrats!" Doesn't look like the couple minded being crashed, as they were all smiles. The little kids on the left look pretty upset though! Were they planning on stealing the show on the dance floor? Serena, you can crash our party anytime.



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# 'End Times' asks the big questions

**Young Adult.**  
The latest teen dystopian series is about a girl searching for what she believes in.

Talking about God or what happens when we die is something many people shy away from, but Anna Schumacher's new book "End Times" — the first in a series — confronts the issue head-on without fear. At the crux of the story is Daphne, a teen struggling to figure out her core values. Daphne and her family move from Detroit to a rural Wyoming town full of religious fanatics who believe the Rapture is near. Soon, some crazy things start happening that are seemingly signs that "the end" really is near, and this little Wyoming town is ground zero.

"This isn't a Christian book or a 'religious,' book,"

Schumacher says. "It's a book about religion, but it's not angled one way or the other." Her goal, she tells us, was to write an entertaining story about what religious fanaticism looks like and what might happen if what they believe actually came true.

As the first book in the series, "End Times" sets the stage for an apocalyptic world, which is where the next book will be set. "I love books that actually play in the apocalyptic space, especially Stephen King's 'The Stand,' which really inspired this," she

says. "You actually see the world before the apocalypse, you see the world during the apocalypse, and you see the world after the apocalypse; that's what I was hoping to do with this series."

Of course, you can't read a book about signs of the end without questioning your own beliefs, if you haven't already. For the teen readers of which this book is aimed, it will especially inspire them to grapple with life's most meaningful questions.

Still, despite what the novel's main character ultimately decides she believes, Schumacher says she isn't trying to convince readers of anything in particular. "When I was writing the book, I was a little worried I would offend people," she says. "But I was also worried I wouldn't offend people enough."

#### If you go

#### 'End Times' launch party

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# To be 'Honest'

**Hip-hop.** Future discusses the future of his family and his "timeless" new album.

Future has only been on tour for a week, but it's already taking a toll on him. "It's really ripping my voice apart," he croaks through the phone while en route from Detroit to New York.

The 30-year-old Atlanta rapper says being on tour is also doing a number on his heart.

"Yeah, I want to be home with my son," he says of the boy that his famous fiancee Ciara gave birth to less than two weeks ago, "but this is just something I have to do at

this time."

He's touring through mid-July in support of "Honest," his sophomore album, which arrived in March via Epic. Powered by the hypnotic posse cut "Move That Dope" and "I Won," which features Kanye West, "Honest" is Future's most well-rounded body of work to date. Its songs transition seamlessly between curb-stomping street anthems and earnest moments of reflection, all through Future's signature autotune-filtered vocals.

This isn't necessarily new territory for Future, who took a similar approach on his 2012 debut "Pluto," but now he seems to have mastered the formula. And he's not shy about his achievements.

"I knew I could make



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hit records, but I wanted to make sure I had a complete album," he says. "And sequencing the album was a really big part of that. 'Honest' is a timeless album. People are going to look back like 'Man, he had so many classics on there.'"

He got a taste of life on the road last year, warming up crowds for Drake, who

also guests on "Honest."

"I know every market now, and I know what each one wants to hear," says Future. "It's going to be a party more than a concert, and I'm just going to hit them with jam after jam. Smash after smash."

He never said he was humble. He just said he was honest.

## Wedding bells

### Future invitations

"Honest" features guest spots from the likes of Andre 3000, Pharrell, Wiz Khalifa and Lil Wayne, but one of the clear highlights is the Metro Boomin-produced "I Won," where Future and Kanye West trade verses about their celebrity brides to be, Ciara and Kim Kardashian.

Future and Ciara were unable to attend the high-profile nuptials of Kimye in Florence late last month, though he says Kimye will certainly get the invite to his upcoming wedding.

"Of course they will," he says. "They invited us, but I was on tour and with the baby, we just couldn't make it. But congrats to Kanye, man."

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# STONE TAKES ANOTHER WHACK AT 'ALEXANDER'

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Much like Alexander the Great himself, Oliver Stone will go to the ends of the Earth to fix his epic bomb about the Macedonian conqueror. The new "Ultimate Cut" is his third reworking of 2004's "Alexander," following 2007's unfortunately named "The Final Cut." He could conceivably chip away at it forever. The man is an unconquerable subject, even if — or especially if — you're an ambitious, wild, reckless filmmaker.

How odd, then, that the original theatrical cut of "Alexander" is mostly sane. It plods through a massive tale on a clean, linear track, trying badly not to stumble over all the excised footage. Stone's follow-up effort is a curious one: He actually makes it messier. Both the "Final" and "Ultimate" cuts — which, all told, aren't very different — muck up the time line to jump around Alexander's (a half-commanding Colin Farrell) life in ways that sometimes make little sense.

And yet "Alexander," in any cut, remains weirdly magnetic. It's fascinatingly incomplete and forever



In "Alexander," Angelina Jolie plays Colin Farrell's mom, despite being six days younger than him. / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

unsure of what it wants to be. Like Alexander himself, this film about him is a walking contradiction. Where the subject wanted to unite the world by killing most of it, Stone's work is both generic and insane, a film with few highs and lots of problems that nevertheless sticks in the mind.

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## Also out

**'The Outsiders'**

Young Tom Cruise barely gets screen time in Francis Ford Coppola's hunk-o-rama teen favorite, but compared to C. Thomas Howell and Ralph Macchio, he wound up with the last laugh.

**'The Motel Life'**

Emile Hirsch and Stephen Dorff received acclaim for their performances in this indie as brothers who hide out after being involved in a hit-and-run.

**'Lone Survivor'**

"Based on true acts of courage," this docudrama is a sloppy valentine to soldiers, albeit one that endlessly shoots at them and sends them flying down hill after hill after hill.

## Your move, creep

**'RoboCop' (2014)**

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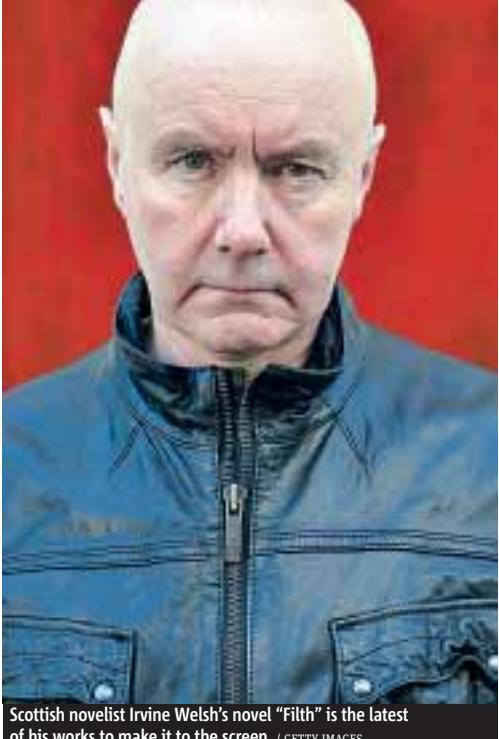
Irvine Welsh talks about the movie of his novel "Filth" and why failure fascinates him.

Scottish author Irvine Welsh has made a career of chronicling not-too-nice characters in books such as "Trainspotting," its sequel "Porno" and "Filth." That last one, about a corrupt, drug-abusing detective vying for a promotion, is the latest of Welsh's works to be realized on film, with usually-very-nice James McAvoy in the main role.

**After adapting 'Filth,' did you worry that James McAvoy, Jamie Bell and Imogen Poots might be too pretty to play these characters?**

That was the original concern with James. When I first met him, he looked about 10 years old, basically, and I thought, there's no way he's going to be able to play a 40-year-old divorced, alcoholic cop. But he does rough up very well. He really did look the part. The makeup and costume were fantastic, but it was just his way of carrying himself with that sneer and that alcoholic kind of attitude that he could exude.

**It's a very taxing lifestyle**



Scottish novelist Irvine Welsh's novel "Filth" is the latest of his works to make it to the screen. / GETTY IMAGES

### this character lives.

Yeah, yeah, the guy is in complete disintegration. We catch him at a really bad time in his life. If you're a novelist, you're essentially a dramatist, and that's where the drama kind of lies. If we're having a bad time, we start making all the bad decisions, compounding that misery. The drama doesn't lie in that nice, hardworking middle-class suburban

guy who everything is going right with. It's when things start to fall apart in people's lives that things get interesting, from a novelistic point of view.

### What draws you to these types of characters?

I'm always interested in the mechanisms by which people fail. Failure has always fascinated me. I find it much more interesting than success. Success



## Cheers, Spud

### Choose life

**Any updates on the possibility of a "Trainspotting" sequel?**

We actually all got together in a flat last week, the creative team from "Trainspotting." We just took an apartment in Edinburgh and hung out together, just to see if it was feasible, to see if we can get a script together. And that's a big challenge. I think we're all conscious of the legacy, and if we just find that we can't get a script together that's at least as good as the original — which is a kind of tall order, really — then we'll just leave it. We won't trash the legacy of the original, but if we come up with something really special that has a bit of magic in it, then sure.

Obviously, it would be a very different film because the characters in it would be 20 years older, so it wouldn't be a youth movie in the way that "Trainspotting" was. But I think there's something interesting about these characters being middle-aged and not coping with it well or pulling one last big scam.

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## We could be heroes

Berlin is certainly not lacking in museums, but right now only one has David Bowie. Running through Aug. 10 and bound for Chicago in the fall, the Bowie exhibit at the spacious Martin-Gropius-Bau, near Alexanderplatz, runs through the career of a professional shape-shifter. Along with songs piping through your audio tour headphones and a plethora of costumes (his "Labyrinth" get-up, save his orb and staff, is sadly MIA), it also features a prominent section on his stint in Berlin. He arrived in the divided city in the mid-to-late-'70s, hoping to snuff a cocaine addiction. He did that and also found himself inspired to make the experimental albums "Low," "Heroes" and "Lodger," though only the middle one was recorded there.

# Berlin: New York in the '80s, but cleaner



On one side of the Spree River youths relax, while on the other side history comes alive on the jam-packed Museum Island. / SCHONBERGER

**Hallo!** The time is ripe to take a romp through Germany's capital, a hot spot built upon a haunted past.

New York City was once a glorious wasteland. Three decades ago, the middle class had been scared away — vowing to return only when a mayor Disneyfied the Gomorrah that was Times Square. In their place, artists filled today's multimillion-dollar apartments, partying through a last hurrah before the rich muscled their way back in.

Though some locals compare Berlin to New York in the '80s, it's not so decadent. It's a more manageable bacchanalia, typically. (And when it's crazy, it's crazier.) One can club all night only to return to a nice home, rest up and then head out for an affordable but palatable meal. It's a clean metropolis, every block fit with trees and cobblestones like an Instagram dream.

There are chunks of mega-prosperity: Centrally located Charlottenburg and Tiergarten — housing the second largest urban

## A city divided

### Back in the day

Ruins and other signs of the former East Germany are peppered throughout the city. Look in the right place and you might see a German Democratic Republic-era neon sign or statue. Museums abound on life in the GDR, the most popular (if not most rigorous) being the DDR Museum, an interactive re-creation of the era.

The most ostentatious display of Berlin's ghosts is the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe — a controversial

park in the country — promise boutiques and designer brands.

But the young and/or hip don't live in this place, dubbed "City-West." They live in the east's Kreuzberg — which is south of what remains of the Berlin Wall — and in the north's Prenzlauer Berg or Mitte.

Some parts of the city are just being settled by those who partied hard once upon a time and then ultimately cooled down and paired off. They now strut around with strollers in areas once

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block of coffin-shaped concrete slabs whose ambiguous design allows for projection or charges of inadequacy. Children (and

adults) may play hide and seek in it, but it's designed to simulate how easily any society can slide into the unthinkable.

Anyway, all of this may not last terribly long. Rents in Berlin aren't skyrocketing, but some long-time residents are already being priced out.

Visitors will find familiarity in the climate, which is reminiscent of many urban hubs in the American Northeast: It's lovely in the spring and throughout much of summer, but often brutal in the winter.

For now, to borrow a line from "The Simpsons," it's a city that works. Feast on it before it turns into Manhattan.

## Drunk food

### Good eats

A large Turkish population has long dwelled in the city, birthing one of the two chief forms of street food: the doner, a gyro-like meal that stuffs meat, assorted veggies and feta in a pita or wrap. (There are also vegetarian and bread-free options available.) The other go-to drunk belly-filler is the currywurst, which pairs sausage with ketchup and a few bumps of curry powder.



The doner is one of the great pieces of Berlin street food. / PROVIDED



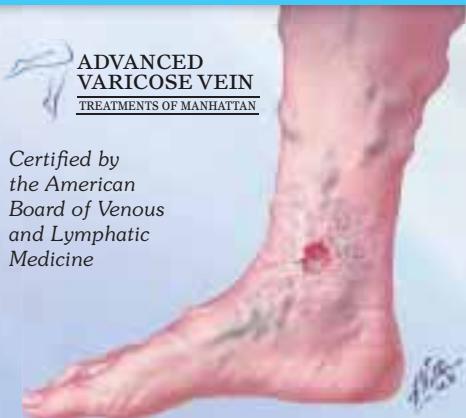
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# First lady Chirlane McCray's advice for raising creative kids



**Quoted**

"Now that I'm a parent, I'm so happy Chiara and Dante love music, art and literature as much as me — although our tastes certainly differ! Whatever challenges they face in life, I know they'll be able to work through them with help from the arts."

McCray

First lady Chirlane McCray wrote the forward to Girls Write Now's new anthology, "Breaking Through." / GETTY IMAGE

**Interview.** How to help your kids discover who they are through the arts.

There's a wide range of parenting books out there about how to raise your kids to be smart, kind and respectful. But helping a child to be more creative as he or she grows up is more complex. How do you create an environment that fosters self-discovery and helps your son or daughter find his or her voice? We took this question to first lady Chirlane McCray. Not only is McCray a poet, but she and Mayor Bill de Blasio have raised two extremely creative teens.

The first lady recently became involved with Girls Write Now, a nonprofit that through writing and mentorship programs, helps teens find their voices. McCray wrote the forward to Girls Write Now's new anthology, "Breaking



Through," in which she reveals that a poem by Nikki Giovanni helped her feel less alone as the only black student in her class and sparked her to write her own poems.

"Helping your child develop her creative voice is one of the most precious gifts a parent can give," McCray says. "Personally, I can't imagine a life without words; writing is how I make sense of the world."

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## First lady Chirlane McCray's advice

### Sparking creativity in your teen

Regardless of gender, every teen can benefit from writing or other creative outlets. Here are McCray's tips on how parents can encourage their kids to be more

creative:

#### 1 Be your child's creative role model.

Make the arts a part of your own life, and your children will do the same — even teenagers!

#### 2 Be generous when giving your feedback.

There's a time and a place for tough criticism,

me — although our tastes certainly differ! Whatever challenges they face in life, I know they'll be able to work through them with help from the arts."

Girls Write Now founder Maya Nussbaum says that encouraging kids to be more creative is especially important during the teen years, and even more so for girls. "Around 10th or 11th grade is, developmentally, when a girl starts to creatively and intellectually awaken — and that is the moment to seize and nurture," she says. Nussbaum says that because women — especially women of color — are underrepresented in leadership roles, Girls Write Now's mentorship program matches teen girls with role models who have strong voices and are in prominent positions to inspire them to dream bigger.

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but after your child's school play isn't one of them.

#### 3 Be encouraging.

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# Take noncheesy photos of your kids

**Instagram-worthy.** Brooklyn-based children's photographer Kimberly Houston gives her tips on taking creative photos of kids.

Spending sunny days outside with your kids makes for some pretty good photo ops, but don't bore your Facebook friends with generic pictures. We enlisted the help of Brooklyn-based children's photographer Kimberly Houston (who happens to be married to this paper's news editor). You can see some of her work at [babiesinbrooklyn.com](http://babiesinbrooklyn.com). We asked her how she comes up with her ideas, plus some professional photography tips.

## What should parents

### In the moment

#### Capturing a great candid shot

I always try to anticipate things that kids might do and have the camera ready. If you know your child loves playing in splash pads — and there aren't many kids who

### keep in mind when photographing kids outside?

The time of day is incredibly important for lighting outdoors. Usually photographers steer away from taking photos at midday due to the harsh shadows the sun creates. If the sky is overcast, it doesn't matter, because the clouds act like giant soft boxes, and you get a great quality of light. You also have to keep in mind the time of day when kids are at their best.

### How do you come up



don't — there's a pretty good chance they'll run into it if given the chance. Take that opportunity to get some fantastic shots.



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Avoid busy backgrounds and keep the focus on your cute kids. / ALL PHOTOS KIMBERLY HUSTON

### Baby pics tip

#### The secret to posing infants

It takes patience. There's a lot of waiting when taking photos of newborns so that they're



content after being fed, burped, changed and well-rested. They're total divas. That's not to say that you can't get a great photo of a fussy baby. But it's not a cute, cuddly kind of picture.

### with creative ideas that look won't look totally cheesy?

I usually try to find props that are true to that family. So, if I'm taking photographs of a child in a home setting, I ask to use the kid's toys. I think it becomes cheesy when the prop doesn't go with the family you are taking photos of; you can tell it's artificial.

### What's the most important thing to keep in mind when taking photos of kids?

If you're having a good time and laughing and smiling, your subject usually follows suit.

See some of Kimberly Houston's at [babiesinbrooklyn.com](http://babiesinbrooklyn.com).

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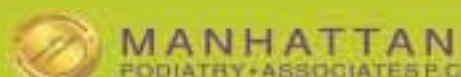
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# Teen room decor from a laid-back skateboarder

**Decor.** Your teen will love artist Zio Ziegler's bright new PBteen line.

San Francisco-based artist Zio Ziegler is known for his eye-popping murals and colorful art installations, so it might come as a surprise to see his designs on bedding and backpacks. But as a new collaborator with PBteen, the artist is taking his work to the masses in a new, unexpected way.

The 26-year-old has a lot of young fans. His brightly colored artwork is heavily influenced by graffiti and skateboarding, making his designs fun and youthful. The new PBteen/Zio Ziegler



ZIO ZIEGLER  
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collection includes back-to-school items such as backpacks and lunch boxes as well as bedding, rugs, book ends and more.

Ziegler celebrated the release of the collection by unveiling his latest mural, which he created for the students of I.S. 289 Hudson River Middle School. The new products are available now on PBteen.com.

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**© Cancer | June 21-July 22.** An unexpected change could work to your advantage. You may not have been considering professional moves, but a positive result will unfold.

**© Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Your entertaining attitude will attract people of influence. Your emotions will be difficult to control, but can be assets.

**11 Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Avoid office politics. Any opinion you give will lead to a bad situation that could damage your reputation. Reserve judgment.

**© Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Your chutzpah will gain you added respect if you speak up about issues that concern you. Your enthusiasm will win allies.

**11 Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 22.** It's not healthy to compare yourself to others. There are bound to be a lot of factors that you know nothing about. Be content with your own lot in life.

**7 Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** Meeting with people from outside your circle will present you with interesting ways to move forward.

**10 Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** Don't make a commitment or start a new partnership. Take time to rejuvenate before you finish your to-do list.

**11 Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.** Do your best to display honesty in personal and professional relationships. Boasting will not help you win trust or allies. Stick to the facts.

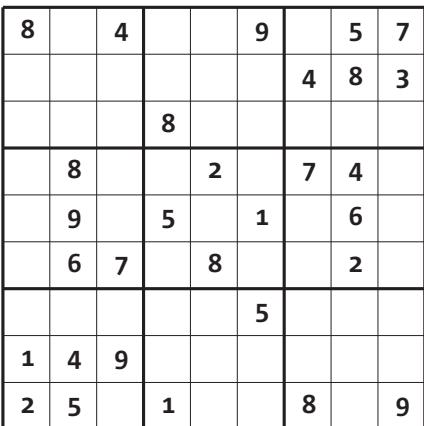
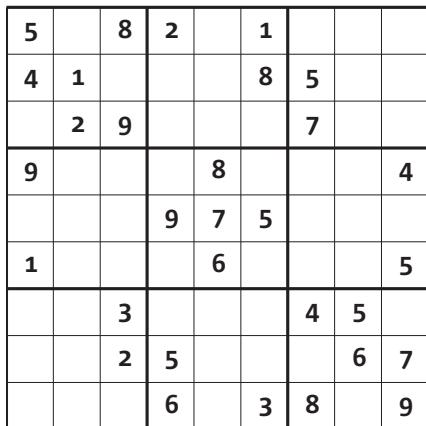
**12 Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** Look at a long-term investment that will help you build your assets safely. Don't hold back when forceful pursuit is required.

**11 Aries | March 21-April 20.** Romance is on the rise. Make special plans with someone you care for, or get out and meet someone new.

**11 Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Fond memories will make you want to get in touch with an old friend. Getting together with people will lead to a joint venture.

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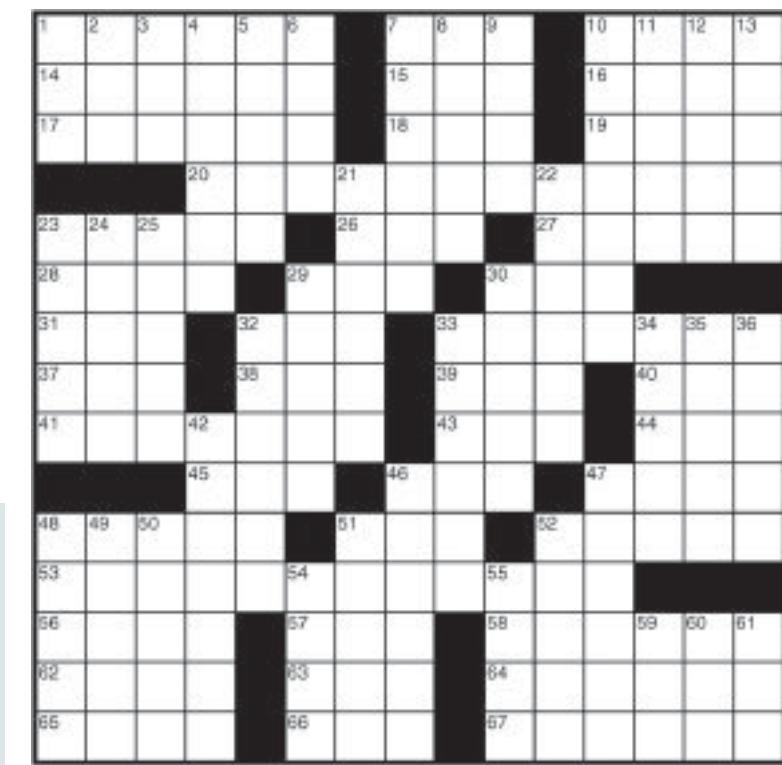
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19 "At Last" singer  
20 They get high (2 wds.)  
23 White as a sheet  
26 APB datum  
27 Desert caravan stops  
28 Knowing look  
29 Soph. and jr.  
30 Wimble sporter  
31 30-day mo.  
32 Airline ticket word  
33 Early settler  
37 Pedro's river  
38 — out (withdraw)  
39 Gigi's boyfriend  
40 Before now  
41 Sea cow  
43 Max — Sydow  
44 APO users  
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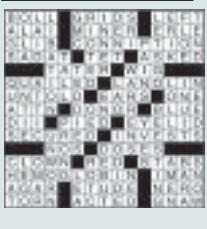
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62 Perfect place  
63 Actor — Faxon  
64 Sampan dwellers  
65 "Hey, you!"  
66 Victorian, e.g.  
67 Hate with a passion

## Down

1 Swimmer's unit  
2 NASA counterpart  
3 Omitting none  
4 Less distant  
5 Wyoming range  
6 Fuel cartel  
7 Fido's feats  
8 Cute marsupial  
9 Old Dodge model  
10 "Whole" thing  
11 Specks of dust  
12 Outlandish  
13 Lawn planting  
21 Black-belt sport  
22 Paris' — Rouge  
23 Warning  
24 Tintype hue  
25 Leggy bird  
29 Cry of fright



## Yesterday's answer



## Letters

## Understand what you're trying to ban

## More action needed at VA

It has been sad to have read about all the long waits at VA hospitals and facilities for medical treatments. VA Chief Eric Shinseki did not seem to have a clue on how to fix the problems and now has resigned. Meanwhile, President Obama believes there needs to be accountability at the Department of Veteran Affairs. Well my question is: Why did it take so long for actions to be taken and an investigation to go forward? I believe an entire overhaul is needed to correct the problem. **FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL**

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## SPORTS

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### Jackson fined \$25K

The NBA doesn't mess around with tampering — even in the Adam Silver era and even for a legend. The league fined Knicks president Phil Jackson \$25,000 for comments he made about Thunder point guard Derek Fisher in a press conference last Friday. Teams are not allowed to speak about pending free agents, like Fisher, before free agency begins in July.



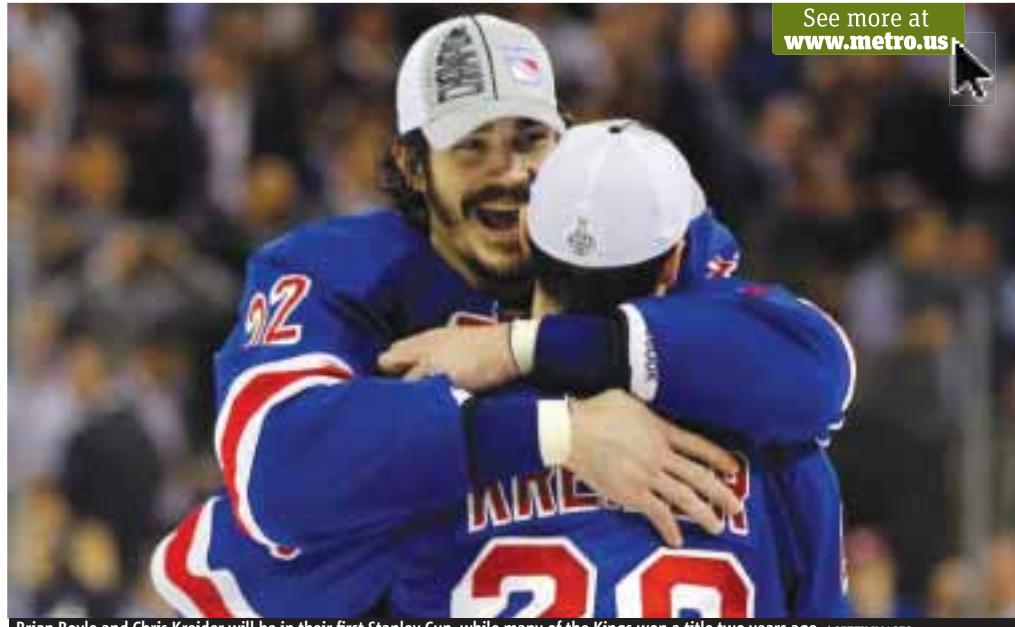
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**Straight outta BK**  
Mariners' Jones returns to home city of New York

James Jones' path to the becoming the starting center fielder for the Mariners started with a pair of bus rides on the B9 to the B67 from his home in Crown Heights to Telecommunications High School in Bay Ridge.

He put on his headphones and dreamed about becoming a major leaguer despite receiving only a partial scholarship to Long Island University. Eventually Jones received a full scholarship to the only school that even recruited him.

"I'm happy I went through it," Jones said before facing the Yankees on Monday. "I definitely learned a lot of things and I'm just happy I went along with that."

He was eventually drafted in the fourth round by the Mariners in 2009. Despite being a pitcher in college, he's developed into a perfect leadoff hitter, with a .343 on-base percentage and six steals in his first 28 MLB games.

"It's surreal," Jones said of being in the majors. "It's a great bunch of guys — a group that helped me transition well. They've just made it easy for me."

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JAMES JONES HAD A HIT IN HIS FIRST 15 STARTS FOR THE MARINERS.

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# Us against them

**NHL playoffs.** Alain Vigneault played the us against the world card two days before the Stanley Cup begins.

The Rangers want everyone to know they realize they will be underdogs against the Kings. And they are all too happy to play into it.

"Even though a lot of people aren't going to give us a chance, I like

our chances," head coach Alain Vigneault said Monday after practice.

The Kings are installed at plus-150 in the series, according to popular online gambling site boda.lv.

But Vigneault wasn't content to leave it at simply being underdogs against the Kings. He ran through the entire Stanley Cup playoffs, ticking off the popular opinion against his team.

"I think going into Philly, people were probably 50-50 that we'd get through that," Vigneault

said. "Going into Pittsburgh, I would probably say a lot more experts were picking Pittsburgh than the Rangers. And then against Montreal [in the conference finals], other than a few New York reporters, I think everybody across Canada was picking Montreal in four or five."

**Quoted**  
"Throughout these playoffs — and it's not gonna change now — we've been the underdog." Alain Vigneault, Rangers head coach

Vigneault's Rangers will have a chance to shut up those critics for good — and shake two decades of futility — beginning Wednesday night in Los Angeles for Game 1 (8 p.m., NBC).

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## NFL. Giants cut troubled safety Will Hill after latest suspension

The Giants have finally had all they could take of Will Hill.

The team cut the troubled safety, a native of West Orange, New Jersey, on Monday. Hill had been suspended last Friday for the first six games of 2014 for violating the NFL's policy on substances of abuse. It was to be the third straight season he had been suspended by the NFL for drugs.

He was suspended for performance-enhancing drugs during his first season in New York in 2012 — a failed test he blamed on Adderall. He missed

### By the numbers

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Hill was ESPN's No. 3 prospect coming out of high school behind only Da'Quan Bowers, now of the Bucs, and Julio Jones of the Falcons. He was rated two spots ahead of three-time Pro Bowler A.J. Green.

four games.

Last season, Hill was suspended for the first four games in accordance with the league's policy on substances of abuse. He admitted after the failed test was announced that it was for using mari-

juana, but he also claimed drug use was behind him.

Hill was a stud recruit at Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City, with ESPN ranking him the No. 3 recruit in the country and went to Florida.

Hill was signed as a free agent and played in 24 games the last two seasons. He showed flashes of being a contributor, especially when Stevie Brown was dealing with injuries, but suspensions repeatedly stunted his progress. METRO



Hill had a huge interception return for TD against the Lions last December. / GETTY IMAGES

# NYCFC signs Spain's Villa in historic move

**MLS.** The soccer power's all-time leading scorer will become the new club's first player.

New York City FC wanted to make a splash with their first signing — and make a splash they did.

The new MLS team, scheduled to begin play next season, announced Monday they have inked Spanish international David Villa to a three-year deal. Villa, 32, is the all-time leading scorer for the Spanish national team.

"David Villa is undoubtedly one of the most accomplished soccer players and best strikers in the world," said NYCFC head coach Jason Kreis in a statement. "I couldn't be happier that we have acquired such an amazing talent as our first-ever signing."

While details of the contract were not released, Villa is assuredly one of the



David Villa, right, won La Liga's championship just two weeks ago. / GETTY IMAGES

## Quoted

**"I'm keen to do the best I can, take onboard that extra responsibility and prove my worth."**

David Villa

club's three possible designated player slots. These players' salaries are not subject to the league's salary cap.

"I want to try and help MLS continue to grow, through playing, working hard, scoring goals and at the same time try to make New York City FC be-

come the best team in the league," Villa said. "It's a real honor that the people who have formed the club have focused their attention on me."

The club will be run by a joint ownership group between the Yankees and English Premier League side Manchester City.

Games will be played at Yankee Stadium next summer while the team looks for a location to build a soccer-only stadium in the city. Villa has actually played at Yankee Stadium before — last June when Spain met Ireland in a friendly.

"I've been fortunate enough to have played there before with the national team, but now I'm playing there as part of the home team," Villa said. "I hope a lot of people turn out to watch us."

Villa has played for Atletico Madrid since 2013, claiming La Liga title just last month. He played for Barcelona before that, winning two more La Liga titles.

He may not be the last big signing though, with multiple reports indicating NYCFC is pursuing Frank Lampard, whose contract with Chelsea FC just expired.

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## Villa facts

### 1 Big money

Villa was paid 750,000 Euros, about \$1.02 million, by Atletico Madrid last season. Only 12 players, led by Clint Dempsey's \$6.7 million, make over \$1 million annually in MLS.

### 2 Early beginnings

Villa made his professional first-team debut with Sporting de Gijon, a Spanish second-division team at the time, at just 18 years old in 2000.

### 3 His own icon

Enrique Castro Gonzalez, known as Quini, is Villa's idol. Quini is from the same region of Spain and also played for Gijon and Barcelona.



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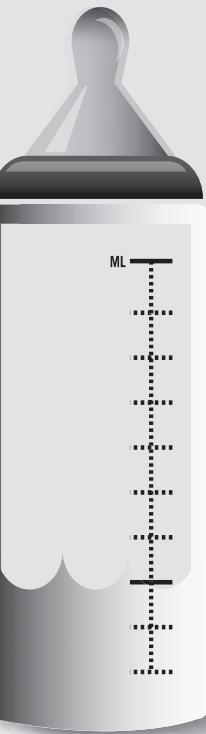
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